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YMCA ANNUAL MEETING FEATURES CONFRONTATION

Challenging samplings of how human realities are now being faced were dispensed Monday evening, prior to the 118th annual meeting of the Montreal YMCA.

Visitor participation was high as an imaginative variety of techniques was used to disclose specifics--with interpretations--of the Y's multi-faceted role today.

"The survival of our nation depends on the survival of our cities," R.G. Rogers,the Montreal Y's general secretary, told a massed audience of government, industry and community representatives at the gathering.

He deplored the tendency to over-rely on governments and insisted; "Our very heritage...depends on the individual taking the initiative."

Such initiative, in turn, should lead to partnerships that would make most effective use of resources and avoid duplication, while involving local people in the affairs of their communities.

In reviewing current Y activities, Mr. Rogers said they are relatively clear-cut in such fields as physical development, leadership training, recreation and continuing education.

"But growing involvement with efforts to re-shape the community are less tangible, more volatile, less predictable and more difficult to manage."

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